

SECRET**COUNTRY:** Germany**SUBJECT:** Establishment of Political and Provincial Police Agencies in Halle (Saxony)

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organization of a new "semi-official political police agency" in Halle, and the establishment of a "Special Bureau" of the provincial police of Saxony. These two organizations are comparable in function and, in the light of their SM and SNA affiliations, perhaps a severe infraction of the Potsdam Agreement, which specifically prohibits the organization of a German political police.

1. The official title of the new agency organized in Halle is "Information Service of the Provincial Administration of the SM" (Informationsdienst der Provinzialleitung der SM). Members are recruited from among the more fanatic SM followers exclusively and are supplied identification cards issued and stamped by the Soviet Military Government. The officially assigned task of the organization is to collect information on the activities of politically suspected persons, for the use of and in conjunction with the office of the German State's Attorney and the Prosecuting Attorney of the SNA.

2. A decree of 1 July 1945 established a Special Bureau (Sonderdienststelle) of the Provincial Police, Saxony, and entrusted it with the following duties:

a. Elimination of Fascism and militarism.

b. Expulsions as determined by the provisions of the Land Reform measures; surveillance of the expellees, together with supervision of the internment camps, releases of internees, etc. (Camps are located in the vicinity of Weitzach and near Schlieben, Kreis Schweinitz.)

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c. Establishment of a central card file of all members of the NSDAP.

d. Evaluation and confiscation of written material inimical to the interests of the country.

e. The following up of all court cases with political implications.

f. Writing of reports for the SPA on all political occurrences.

g. Surveillance of all former members of the NSDAP as regards their present activities; requisitioning of real estate; "cleansing" of public administrations and private business.

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